

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2152-MC-FFS

DATE: July 24, 2020

TO: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
Waiver Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa
Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Elderly Waiver Monthly Budget Cap

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2020

During the 2020 legislative session, House File (HF) [2269](#)¹ directed the Department to eliminate the monthly budget maximum, or cap, for individuals eligible for the Medicaid HCBS Elderly Waiver. The legislation supersedes the administrative rules allowing the Department to remove the monthly cap prior to the administrative rule amendment.

This change is effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2020. Elderly Waiver recipients no longer need to request an exception to policy (ETP) to exceed the monthly cap allowed under the Elderly Waiver. Elderly Waiver members may access the medically necessary services and supports identified in their comprehensive person-centered service plan and as authorized in the Individualized Services Information System (ISIS) by the IME for FFS members or members enrolled with a Managed Care Organization (MCO).

The Department intends to amend the administrative rules and remove the monthly cap. The Department will continue to track the average amount expended per waiver recipient each month and report the annual amount expended per waiver recipient to the Governor and General Assembly.

¹ <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=%20HF%202269&ga=88>